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BELDING. Michillian

When the weather man is at his best he seems to do his worst.

Fashion rules the largest empire, and collects her tax in gold and blood.

Never throw mud at a thing you

don't like; perhaps others may appre-Nothing can restrain the juvenile

mind from thinking that the sultan of

Sulu must be a lulu, It is only in his matrimonial relations that the sultan of Sulu is re-

ported to resemble Solomon. The girl who can speak seven languages is less sought after than the

girl who can hold her tongue in one. The man who returns from the Klondike empty handed escapes considerable annoyance at the hands of

his relatives

American capitalists have just purchased two islands off the coast of Cuba. Some people merely want the earth. Others get it.

Dewey still declines to talk. When the admiral once puts an embargo on speech the interviewer needs a ready imagination to supply the deficiency,

The Washington Post sagely remarks that the reappearance of Mrs. Luetgert would make things decidedly uncomfortable for the officials who prosecuted her late husband. It would seem probable that her position would be much more uncomfortable than theirs.

Eleven New York aldermen have been ordered sent to jail for contempt of court, to say nothing of the little matter of a \$100 fine per alderman. When those misguided city fathers emerge from their darksome cells they will probably have a great deal more respect for the law and the opinions arrived in Detroit. of the judiciary than has ever before been the rule in any aldermanic body.

The rising tide of industrial production and of business prosperity ought to mean also an improvement in the general condition of the people. And according to Bradstreet's, during the first six months of 1899, "voluntary increase in wages proved to be the rule rather than the exception." involving an addition of many millions to the income of working men and women. This is pleasanter reading than reports of the strikes, some of which have been bitterly contested.

the Alaska boundary with considerable wicked and possessed of the devil and interest, as it bears a close resemblance | must be punished. to her own controversy over the New foundland shore. In both cases a colony without power of its own to make its will respected insists on imposing its will in the matter in dispute upon the country upon which it is dependent and upon which the burden of fighting must fall in case of war, As the Frenchmen say, this position is anomalous. It is difficult to suggest a remedy, however, unless England is prepared to take a firm stand and place of the printer. imperial interests before colonial at the possible expense of losing part of her empire.

beneficent, inasmuch as the raw re- now the city is rejoicing. On the 14th cruit is, in his years of service in a a franchise was granted for the constanding army, educated, disciplined, struction of an electric road to connect and then returned to society and to in- the various resorts about the city, and dustry a far more intelligent and ef- as soon as it was given the promoters fective person than he was before, or could have made himself. This, to showing the plans of a \$25,000 opera some degree, is true. The standard of house that they have arranged to build manhood ought to be raised and is raised by the military system; but suppose the government gave all men a training simply for industrial purposes and put them into trade schools instead of camps? A similar but far higher end would be attained, in such a productive potentiality as has never yet been realized; and it seems as legitimate to train men for national prosperity as for national defense.

The report of the French Millers' association on the European wheat harvest of 1899 indicates that the drouth in the Odessa and Nicolaief districts is so disastrous that the total Russian wheat production of 1899 must show a falling off of 33 per cent lerweiss, wife of the owner of the vesfrom average years, and will be as bad as in 1897, which was one of the worst years on record. In Germany wheat is satisfactory, although slightly less so than in 1898. In Austro-Hungary the estimate exceeds last year's production by 60,000,000 hectolitres.. In France reports from twenty one departments show a marked increase in the wheat area, and the harvest, although injured by storms in the last fortnight, will slightly exceed that of 1898, but should the present fine weather be succeeded by rain during the next three weeks there will be a serious diminution.

Familiarity which oversteps good manners lately received a gentle rebuke at an English military bazar. An officer, attracted by a lady at a stall, remarked that a certain article near her was very pretty. "Yes," was her reply, "my mother sent it." "Ah really," pursued the officer, determined to discover the name of the charming saleswoman, "I think I have met your pany has offered to locate a \$500,000 mother. Her name is-" "The queen | cement factory there if suitable banks of England," answered the lady. The of clay can be found. On the 13th

NEWS FOR MICHIGANDERS.

A Whole Regiment of News Items From Michigan Towns

CAPTURED FOR BRIEF READING.

A Burglar While Operating in Royal Oak Came in Contact With a 32-Calibre Bullet-Minden City Parents Use Cruel Treatment for Punishment.

Burglar Shot in Royal Oak.

While a burglar was engaged in trying to make Cicero Millington, the aged father-in-law of Alfred F. Wilcox, who resides with Mr. and Mrs. Wileox in Royal Oak, produce his coin, Mr. Wilcox was aroused, and with revolver in hand went to the old gentleman's assistance. This frightened the burglar and he made a rush for liberty by the front door exit, which he had thoughtfully unlocked before attacking Mr. Millington. By the time the burglar reached the door Mr. Wilcox was almost upon him. The burglar pulled his revolver and fired, but the weapon refused to work. Not so with Mr. Wilcox's gun, as he succeeded in planting a 38 calibre bullet in the back of his intruder, which subsequently led to his capture. The fellow gave his name as Frank Temple, but refused to tell where he lived. At last accounts the prisoner was alive.

Used a Razor at Sca. When the steamer City of Alpena, bound down, touched Alpena at midnight on the 20th, Carl Hesse, a member of the ship's kitchen staff, was taken off and conveyed to the hospital suffering from three dangerous wounds inflicted by a razor in the hands of a Negro named Daniel Brown, who was also employed in the kitchen. The trouble occurred when the boat was about two hours out, and is said to have arisen over the manner of performing some of the work in the kitchen. Conflicting stories are told as to who was to blame for the trou-The Negro was immediately placed in irons and was delivered to the U. S. authorities when the boat

Wanted to Drive Out the Devil. On the 19th Mr. and Mrs. George Copeland, who live four miles from Minden City, were arrested and lodged in jail at Sanilac Center on the charge of ill-treating their 8-year-old daughter. Before making the arrests the officers discovered that the child had repeatedly been tied up in an out-house and left there for several days and nights; also that the little girl had been tied up and left in the cellar for five days. The child showed marks of ill-usage, and told a very pitiful story. When questioned as to the cause of her ill-treatment, the little one said that France is watching the dispute over her mother told her that she was very

State Tax Commission at Work

The State tax commission held a meeting at Lansing on the 15th to consider measures regarding the collection of necessary data from assessors of every county to better facilitate the work of the commission. A circular letter has been prepared, asking for such information as is required, and this will soon be followed by full set of blanks which are now in the hands

Rejoicing at Benton Harbor.

Since the burning of Yore's opera house, three years ago, Benton Harbor Germany claims that militarism is has been praying for a play house, and of the road surprised the aldermen by

Can Hello With Boston. The Michigan Bell Telephone company has unloaded 80,000 pounds of copper wire at Lansing, which will be strung between that city and Bay City along the Michigan Central railroad, This is the connecting link of the long distance wire between the east and the upper peninsula, and when completed Calumet can hello with Boston, Mass.

Five Drowned in Lake Huron.

The schooner Hunter Savidge, of Alpena, bound for home light, capsized in a sudden squall when eight miles off Pointe Aux Barques on the 20th. The dead are: Mrs. John Muelsel, and her daughter, Capt. Fred Sharpsteen's wife and son, and the mate, Thos. Dubuy.

Family Trouble the Cause.

Jos. Engelman, of Kalamazoo, aged 37, committed suicide on the 20th by blowing his brains out. He purchased a bulldog revolver at a second-hand shop, returned home, lay down on his parlor sofa and sent a bullet crashing through his brain. He lived over an hour. The deed is attributed to family troubles.

L. Y. Adams, of Vicksburg, lost 35 sheep by the dog route recently.

Swindlers are working old soldiers and widows of veterans in the vicinity of South Haven. They charge from \$1 to \$5 for examining their pension papers, and, of course, find them wrong and promise to return next day and arrange for readjustment, but do not

show up again. The discovery of valuable marl beds near the village of Clarkston has created considerable excitement. A comofficer did not wait for the fancied ar- every man who owned a spade was out digging for clay.

STATE GOSSIP.

The drought is doing great damage in Eaton county. Battle Creek has decided to have

street fair Sept. 4 to 9. Twenty-eight Chicago couples were

married at St. Joseph on the 20th. A New York credit and indemnity company has been refused a license to do business in this state.

Ovid's new flouring mill has been completed and put into operation. Its capacity is 75 barrels per day.

Dick Lane, the ex-professional bank robber and safe blower, was in Battle Creek recently. He has turned preacher.

The Mecosta county poor house, loated at Stanwood, was destroyed by fire on the 18th. Loss, \$10,000; insurance, \$4,000.

Much grain has been raised around Roscommon this season, and a gristmill will be built in the village this fall so it is said.

Alfred W. Dwight, one of Michigan's oldest and most respected citizens, died at the family residence, Detroit, on the 16th, aged 85.

The 17th Michigan volunteer infantry, known as the stonewall regiment, will hold its annual reunion at Coldwater on Sept. 14. Farwell business men want some one

village will have a saloon after being 'dry" for some years. The 64th conference of the Methodist Episcopal church of Michigan will be held at Ionia for six days begin-

to start a bank in that village. The

ning Tuesday, Sept. 12. Fenton Presbyterians have decided to wait until next year to build their new church, which it was announced would be erected this year.

A Coldwater firm has commenced the manufacture of automobiles of their own invention. The weight of the carriage will be 500 pounds.

It is probably that a street fair will be held at Lapeer this fall, taking the place of the county fair, which was discontinued some years ago. The good roads project in Saginaw

was defeated at the special election. The city gave 1,400 majority, but the country districts wiped this out. A heavy wind recently ruined sev-

eral fine apple orchards in the vicinity of Hartford, shaking 1,000 bushels of fine winter apples to the ground. The tax rate at Cassopolis is but six

mills on the dollar, and the vigilant

boasts that no other village of the size in the state is governed so cheaply. The first case to be heard in the courtroom of the new court house at Hillsdale was a divorce suit, as was

house. Davison village has a very complete system of sewers in course of construction, and will commence paving the principal streets of the village in a few

also the last case in the old court

weeks. Marshall's council is getting good, they have granted bicycle riders the use of all sidewalks except on two streets. The mayor has not had his sav vet.

The state fair will be held at Grand Rapids, Sept. 25-29. Elaborate preparations are being made by the association, this being the semi-centennial The sixth annual encampment of the

Lapeer, Sanilac, Genesee and Tuscola County Veterans' association will be held at Davison, Genesee county, Oct. 4, 5 and 6. Silas A. Scofield, the veteran furni-

claims he holds the record in the undertaking line. In 47 years he has buried 4.277 people There are so many thugs and hoboes at Houghton that the authorities have authorized the sheriff to organize a

ture dealer and undertaker, of Morenci,

at work on the rock piles, this year will be smaller than last, the local paper estimates its value will not be less than \$150,000. Last year the

ball and chain gang and set prisoners

crop exceeded 700 carloads. Harrison will get that heading mill she was after, the deal having been closed and a stock company now in process of formation. The plant is to

be running within 90 days. Notwithstanding farmers are offering \$20 to \$25 per month and board for farm help, and are unable to secure it, Battle Creek is still overrun with ho-

boes who beg from door to door. The Globe house, an old landmark at Ionia, was destroyed by fire on the 15th. It has long been an eyesore to the inhabitants of the city, and its de-

struction did not cause any weeping. The Sneffield Car Co., of Three Rivers. has received two orders for a car load of hand cars for both the Russian government railroad in Siberia, and Oom

Paul Kruger's railroad in South Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Earl F. Wilson, of Harrison, went to Flint on the 15th to attend a family reunion. While being driven from the depot to the family residence the horse became frightened and ran away. Mrs. Wilson jumped, or was thrown out of the rig, receiving injuries from which she died 10 gaiety was to have held sway, was

turned into mourning.

Hiram Main and wife of Plainville, Ks., are visiting relatives in Mason and vicinity. They left Plainville June 1 and have traversed the entire distance, 1.100 miles, with a team and covered wagon, living in the wagon on the way and visiting at various points along the route. Mr. Main is 72 years old and his wife 65. They both stood the journey exceedingly well and no sickness or accident marred the pleasure of the trip. They will return home

by rail. Rep. Fieischhauer was fined \$5.10 for riding on the sidewalk with his bicycle at Reed City. There are others.

Citizens of Kalamazoo have made igorous kick against the "howling" Free Methodists, who make life miserable for the people who reside within hearing distance of their place of wor-

Farmers in western Oakland county are becoming alarmed at the continued drouth, the dry weather and high winds having dried up things so badly that all crops are looking in poor condition.

Oakland county expended \$15,182.79 for its poor people last year. There were 72 inmates in the county house, and the average number was 48. Of this number, 38 were men and 34 women.

There is said to be a great scarcity of teachers in Mason county this year for the district school work, barely half enough experienced teachers to fill the schools holding certificates in the county.

The boiler of a threshing machine engine which was being operated on the farm of Michael Kerns, five miles from Empire, exploded on the 19th, killing three persons outright and injuring three more.

The clerk of Montealm county the other day issued a marriage license to a man and woman who had previously been married six and three times respectively. The groom was 65 and the bride 56 years old.

In Jackson they have an ordinance that prescribes certain hours in which citizens must sprinkle their lawns. One hot day recently 20 good citizens violated the law and were obliged to drop \$1 in the slot or have their water turned off.

A Pipestone man tried to shoot a dog in the road recently, but his shot struck a little sou of a neighbor. The injury to the boy was slight, but it cost the shooter \$400 to square matters with the youngster's father for his bad markmanship.

When residents of Northville become disgusted with the appearance of some rookery in the village, the people living on the street upon which it stands club together and purchase the building. Then they have it torn down and burn the lumber.

Hillsdale county people are congratulating themselves that they built their new courthouse when they did It cost \$45,000, but now, it is estimated, it couldn't be matched for less than \$50,000, owing to the great advance in all kinds of building materials.

Rural mail delivery has been estab-Eshed at Grass Lake and will go into operation September 1. The postoffice at Sharonville has been discontinued and the mail will be distributed daily to all residents within a radius of 12 miles east and south of Grass Lake.

The body of D. H. Doud, an old settler, reported missing two weeks ago, was found on the 20th seven miles north of Allegan, in Monterey township. He had wandered away from the home of his son, Ernest, in Heath township, and had starved to death.

By the death of Mrs. Lizzle Whitlock, of Batavia township, Dranch county, probably the heaviest woman in the state has been removed. On The police had taken precautions and Aug. 13th she weighed exactly 650 pounds. The casket was so large that it could not be placed in a hearse. For years she traveled with Barnum's cir-

Burglars terrorized the family of J. B. Schlicht, of Dentons, early on the morning of the 20th, by pointing revolvers at them and threatening to shoot different members if they did not reveal the whereabouts of their valuables. The thieves secured about \$50 worth of plunder. They then helped themselves to lunch before leaving.

Fire is destroying much property throughout the country owing to the drought. On the 20th a big gang of men were at work fighting fire east of Attica. Several buildings belonging to Charles Budington, together with Although the Lawton grape crop his pear orchard and grape arbor, have been destroyed near that place. Fences are being burned by the wholesale.

> On the evening of the 18th James F. Cook, living near Clio, was awakened by the stamping of horses. He investigated, and his son did likewise, but by another door. The son mistook the father for a burglar and cut him up badly with an ax. The horrified son. on discovering his mistake, drove with his father several miles to Clio for a surgeon. The father may recover.

> Special Deputy Collectors Bailey and Beattle and Marshal Butler made an important arrest and seizure at Recor's Point, 214 miles north of Marine city, on the 18th. The men arrested gave their names as James Merlines and Moses Dover, of Sombra, Ont. The officers secured 900 pounds of wool and a sail boat. A couple of men who were evidently waiting for the wool, escaped with their rig.

A singular case of prostration or catalepsy has been attracting the attention of physicians at Coldwater for the past three weeks. Miss Mary Clennesmith, aged 18, is the victim. On Aug. 4 she became unconscious and remained in that condition until Aug. 16, during which time she appeared like a person in deep sleep. She is minutes later. The homestead, where perfectly conscious now and is able to converse, but is unable to open her

The State barbers' commission is now organized and ready for business. President, F. M. Van Horn, Benton Harbor; secretary, Chas. Reider, Detroit; treasurer, Ransom E. Fillmore, Lansing. Barbers who have been engaged at the trade for two years may make affidavit to that effect, upon receipt of which, with a fee of \$1, the commission will issue him a certificate to continue scraping the faces of humanity for the rest of his natural

The annual meeting of the Michigan Republican Newspaper association will be held at Charlotte on Oct. 10 and 11.

TICKINGS OF THE TELEGRAPH I

News of the Day as Told Over the Slender Wires.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS

Great Britian has 20,000 Men Under Orders for South Africa if the Transvaal Matter is not Satisfactorily Settled-250 Soldiers Killed in China.

Boers and Britishers Near to War.

The prevalent opinion in England is that President Kruger is playing a great game of bluff at Pretoria. He held a long session with the secretary of state and the attorney-general at the telegraph office on the 14th. He was apparently communicating with the Orange Free State. Orders have been issued to the field cornets to supply all unarmed burghers with Mauser rifles free of charge. The British government, on its side, is making counter preparations. Quantities of war stores have been forwarded to Bechuanaland, and the North Lancashire regiment is under orders to proceed there at a moment's notice. Since it is expected the Boers would make a dash for Kimberley in order to cut off the Cape from Rhodesia, the British are preparing to guard the railway bridge across the Vaal river at Fourteen Streams, where the Boers have a field battery.

Later-The Transvaal situation is unchanged. Great Britian's demand for a joint inquiry as to the effect upon the Uitlanders of the proposed franchise reform measures, makes matters look more serious, and the British war office has completed arrangements for an emergency force of 20,000 men to be ready to leave for South Africa within a week.

That Transvaul Trouble.

The Transvaal government, it is reported at Cape Town, has handed its reply to the British agent at Pretoria, to be forwarded to Sir Alfred Milner, British high commissioner for South Africa and governor of Cape Colony. Conflicting accounts are given as to its contents, and it is possible that the report is premature and that the reply will be delayed, owing to the trouble with Portugal about the transport of ammunition, consigned to the Transvaal, now in Delagoa bay. Strong feeling has been aroused by the fact that the Transvaal is sending large quantities of war material for distribution among its supporters in Cape Colony and the Orange Free State. Over seven tons have been landed at Port Elizabeth on Algoa bay and sent over Cape railway lines to Allwal for distribution.

Serious Trouble Caused by Anarchists.

Paris on the 20th was the scene of most serious disturbances, recalling some aspects of the commune. In response to an appeal of the journals, Le Peuple and La Petite Republique, groups of anarchists and socialists gathered about 3 o'clock in the afternoon in the Place de is Republique. there seemed no danger of disorders. Sebastian Faure and Faberot, well known revolutionary anarchists, were the ringleaders. While Faure was addressing the crowd, among other things he said that the anarchists should be masters of the streets. The police then interfered and a struggle for supremacy followed in which 350 persons were injured, 59 police agents were wounded. Fully 150 persons were arrested, of whom 80 are detained in custody.

Swallowed Spoons and Needles. Eliza Day, colored, aged 60, a patient at the Columbus state hospital, who was received from Marion, O., 10 years

ago, died recently from peritonitis. An autopsy revealed in her stomach the handles of five silver spoons and 50 cambric needles, and in the bowels nearly 50 more needles. About a year ago the woman told an attendant she had swallowed several spoons, but an examination failed to disclose the presence of any foreign substance in her stomach, and the woman never appeared to suffer any pain. The bowls of the spoons are supposed to have been corroded by the acids of the stomach.

Chinese Robbers Killed 250 Soldiers.

Special from Canton, China: Five hundred soldiers were surrounded at Cotkon, on the Wert river, by 10,000 robbers, and a desperate fight occurred. ending in a victory for the robbers, who have hoisted their flags upon all commanding points and occupied the villages in the vicinity. Two hundred and fifty soldiers were killed and 100 wounded. One thousand more troops left Canton for the scene of the trouble on the 14th.

\$2,500,000 Fire in a Colorado Town. Fire has entirely destroyed the business portion of the city of Victor, Col., causing a loss estimated at \$2,500,000. Beginning shortly after noon on the 21st, the fire raged until night, consuming everything in its way. It had its origin, it is thought, in the Merchants' cafe. A strong wind from the south fanned the flames and in a few minutes all the surrounding houses were afire.

The Cleveland boycott, incident to the street railway strike, has been carried into the church. One preacher has been boycotted, and a young woman connected with the church choir will lose her position if she continues riding on Big Consolidated cars.

Rev. C. M. Anderson, a superanuated Methodist minister who resides in Metamora, celebrated his 73d birthday last August by a dinner to his old friends. Thirteen persons dined at the table, and Uncle Andrew Johnson was the first to rise from the table. Within the year Mr. Johnson died, and thus the old adage was again fulfilled.

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